Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—Government do not think that any public purpose will be served by printing the letter and placing it on the Table. The work of repairs to the road is nearing completion.

Opening of a canal in Kunnamkulam for irrigation facilities.

115. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform whether the request contained in the petition submitted in 1104 to the Chief Engineer by Mr. Ambalatt Sankunni Panicker and the people of Kunnamkulam, Mangad and Porkkulam villages for opening a canal for irrigation has been sanctioned by the Government; and if not, whether the matter is still under the consideration of the Government or under enquiry?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—The matter is being investigated by the Public Works Department.

Opening of a tank in Kunnamkulam.

116. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer has not received petitions and representations from the people of Kunnamkulam for a tank near the western side of the town;

(b) whether the Town Improvement Committee had not recommended this;

(c) whether all the correspondence regarding the matter be placed on the Table;

(d) whether the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer did not recommend to the Government to sanction the request for a tank?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) The correspondence cannot be placed on the Table as it serves no public purpose.

(d) In the interests of the service it is not considered proper to disclose the information.

Night-soil depot in Kunnamkulam.

117. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Government have received a petition from Mr. Chungath Varoo and others this year regarding the acquisition of a plot of land in or near Kunnamkulam Town for depositing night-soil; and if so,

(b) what is the prayer contained in the petition;

(c) whether the petition be printed and placed on the Table;

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(d) what action has been taken by the Government with respect to this petition;

(e) whether the receipt of the petition has been acknowledged and if so, when;

(f) whether the Government have received any previous petition regarding this matter ; and if so,

(g) how many were received and whether copies of such petitions be printed and placed on the Table;

(h) whether the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer has received any petition regarding the same matter; and if so,

(i) how many did he receive and whether they will be printed and placed on the Table;

(j) whether the Government have received any resolution passed with respect to this matter; and if so,

(k) whether a copy of that resolution be printed and placed on the Table;

(l) whether any amount has been provided in the budget for 1105 for the acquisition of the plot of land referred to above; and if so,

(m) under what item of expense it is provided?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) Yes.

(b) That Survey No. 1533/1 of Kunnamkulam should not be used as a night-soil depot.

(c) Government do not think it necessary to do so.

(d) Action is being taken.

(e) No.

(f) Yes.

(g) One. Vide answer to (c).

(h) Yes.

(i) Two. Vide answer to (c).

(j) Yes.

(k) Vide answer to (c).

(l) and (m) The amount if necessary will be met from "23—B. Improvements to markets, etc."

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know what is the reason for not acknowledging receipt of the petition (sub-division (e))?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I do not think it is usually customary to acknowledge receipt of petitions. If a matter requires action and the matter is taken in hand and enquired into, and if any substantial results are obtained, that is communicated to the petitioner. Simple acknowledgment is not done.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—When was this petition received by the Government?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Notice. I do not carry dates in my memory.

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Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I asked the question to the Government. The date can be found out from the file.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I have not the file here.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Did not the Hon'ble Member know that this question would be coming up to-day?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I have got all the files pertaining to all the questions to my Department and I have looked into them. But the particular file which contains this particular petition the date of which is asked for I have not got at present.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I expect an answer from the Government.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The date of the petition should have been asked when putting the question itself and not by a supplementary question. You could have asked the date of the petition; then we would have put in the date also in the answer. Further it is not a supplementary question.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I think it is the President who is to decide that. May I know whether it is a supplementary question?

President.—It may be regarded as a supplementary question.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I should like to know whether we have passed on from question No. 117.

President.—Are you on question No. 117?

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I am waiting for the answer. You said that it was a supplementary question. I am just waiting for an answer.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I have already said 'notice'.

Widening of the Panangai lane.

118. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Government have received this year any petition regarding the widening of Panangai lane;

(b) what action has been taken by the Government thereon;

(c) whether the Government had received petitions regarding this matter prior to the above petition; and if so,

(d) how many have been received in the last five years;

(e) what are the orders passed by the Government with respect to each of the above petitions?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

(b) The matter is under the consideration of Government.

(c) Yes.

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